



## Take The 2010 Green Government Challenge

Click on "see background materials" to read a detailed description of each action. In addition, view examples, links and explanations of how to score points or partial points.	Total Possible Points	Points for Pre-2010 Actions	Points for 2010 Actions
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### Government Policy Adoption

1 Formal adoption of a sustainability plan, climate protection resolution, or similar commitment by the governing body <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Energy Efficiency

2 Create an Energy Improvement Plan (EIP) <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Conduct a baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory of your government facilities using an assessment tool, such as those available from ICLEI or EPA's Energy Star program <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Conduct an energy audit of three or more of your government facilities and implement at least two recommendations within the past 12 months <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Purchase electric power from renewable sources or install renewable energy technology (solar, wind, or geothermal) for use in government facilities. The total of purchased renewable energy and on-site produced renewable energy must equal at least 1% of the energy use of all government facilities <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6	Offer tax incentives allowed under Virginia Code for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy related to real estate, buildings, and vehicles <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Develop a policy to utilize energy efficient and dark sky compliant outdoor light fixtures <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Establish an energy manager position/responsibility or management team within the government <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Green Building

9	Establish a policy of LEED certification for all new government facilities <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Approve or build a LEED certified government or school building OR renovate an existing building to the LEED certified level. (5 points for the first building, and an additional 5 points for the second) <u>See background materials</u>	10	Points <input type="text" value="5"/>	10 <input type="text" value="10"/>

### Waste Management

11	Establish a procurement policy of a minimum of 30% post-consumer recycled content for everyday office paper use (consistent with the current federal government policy) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Establish a community-wide recycling collection program that is an additional 5% above the state-mandated rate and/or includes recycling of e-waste (computers, electronics, etc.) and/or hazardous waste (mercury switches, rechargeable batteries, etc.) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Vehicles

13	Adopt a "Green Fleet" policy that incorporates, at a minimum, the purchase of low emitting fuel-efficient vehicles for vehicle fleet replacement and the use of alternative fuels (biodiesel, natural gas, ethanol) in fleet operations <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Land Use / Transportation

14	Adopt land-use plans that allow higher-density development either near public transit nodes or in areas with existing infrastructure AND encourage mixed-use communities <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Promote the use of permanent conservation easements on private property within your community and/or implement a permanent conservation easement on public land <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Adopt a land use or development tool that preserves open space, farmland and forests such as Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs) or Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Water / Air Quality

17	Develop and implement a plan for tree preservation & planting <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Adopt policies that encourage Low Impact Development (LID) storm water management policy, Environmental Site Design (ESD) guidelines, and/or water reclamation <u>See background materials</u>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19 Adopt an anti-idling policy for school/government fleet vehicles <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Employee Incentives**

20 Provide employee benefits for ride sharing, walking, biking, or taking transit to work <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 Adopt a policy that a minimum of 20% of the eligible workforce should participate in alternative work schedules or telework by 2010 (consistent with the current VA State policy) <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22 Develop an employee education program on policies/practices relating to the environment and energy conservation <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Education / Community Participation**

23 Establish an advisory commission composed of local residents and business representatives to advise and assist the local governing board on policies and practices dealing with the environment and energy conservation <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24 Implement a "Green Living Challenge" for households and civic associations to promote sustainable living practices <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25 Implement a "Green Office Challenge" for commercial property owners and office tenants to promote improved environmental performance of their office operations. <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26 Implement a "Green Business Challenge" for businesses to promote actions within their organizations to conserve energy and reduce greenhouse gases <a href="#">See background materials</a>	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Schools**

27 Establish a Safe Routes to School program, which encourages walking and bicycling to neighborhood schools <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28 Establish clubs or waste management teams dealing with the environment or energy conservation in at least half of your high schools <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29 Implement a program in one or more schools that connects students to local farms and/or local produce (such as the Farm to School program.) <a href="#">See background materials</a>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Innovation**

30 Innovation Credits - for any efforts, policies, activities beyond those identified above which are proven to reduce the carbon emissions of local governments. <a href="#">How to score # 30 / See background materials</a>	15	Points	Points
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Group Totals	200	75	35
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**Grand Total: Pre-2010 Actions + 2010 Actions****110**